

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A composite on a surface of a substrate, wherein said composite consists essentially of:

a) a first coating comprising pigment and binder polymer,

wherein, when applied to said substrate, said first coating contains from 40% to 80% volume solids;

wherein said first coating is a fast dry coating;

b) reflective beads; and

c) a clear coating, comprising binder polymer;

wherein, when applied to said substrate, said clear coating contains from 10% to 50% volume solids;

wherein said surface of said substrate is a road surface, and said composite is a traffic marking;

wherein the ratio of the diameter of said reflective bead to the wet film thickness of said first coating is between 2.0 and 10.0;

wherein the ratio of the diameter of said reflective bead to the dry film thickness of said clear coating is between 0.5 and 3.0.

Claim 2 (original). The composite of claim 1, wherein said binder polymer has a glass transition temperature of -10°C to 70°C.

Claim 3 (original). The composite of claim 1, wherein said clear coating has a percent visible light transmission of 80 to 100% when measured at a coating thickness of 500 microns.

Claim 4(original). The composite of claim 1, wherein said clear coating has a percent visible light transmission of 85 to 100% when measured at a coating thickness of 500 microns.

Claim 5(original). The composite of claim 1, wherein said clear coating has a percent visible light transmission of 90 to 100% when measured at a coating thickness of 500 microns.

Claim 6(original). The composite of claim 1, wherein said reflective beads are spherical, or approximately spherical glass beads.

Claim 7(original). The composite of claim 1, further comprising at least one absorber, wherein said absorber is selected from the group consisting of organic super absorbent polymers, ion-exchange resins, hollow sphere polymers, molecular sieves, talcs, inorganic absorbers, porous carbonaceous materials, non-porous carbonaceous materials, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 8-17 (cancelled).